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## RUSSIA TO BUILD THOUSAND U-BOATS

London, Dec. 17. Jane's Fighting Ships reported today that Russia's huge undersea fleet — scheduled eventually to number 1,000 U-boats — would include the fastest submarines the world has ever known.

The 53rd and largest edition of this authoritative "naval bible" said that German technicians were showing the Russians how to build mine-laying submarines capable of speeds up to 29 miles per hour under water.

The fastest submarines now known to be in service—ships of the United States Navy's Tang Class—travel 20 miles an hour under water. Few surface ships of any size can attain speeds greater than 35 miles per hour.

Jane's said also that Russia was building four new battle-ships mounting guided missile launchers as well as 16-inch guns and at least four super-cruisers armed with 10-inch guns and guided missile gear.

The naval book next reported that Russia also gave Communist China 25 to 50 small—1,500 to 3,500-ton—warships of an unidentified type and of an estimated last year as the nucleus of a "South China Fleet."

**GROWING POWER**

Jane's review of world naval developments devoted grave attention to Russia's growing power, but the main theme was the tremendous naval superiority of the West and the particularly unprecedented strength of the American 5,000-ship fleet.

Referring to the manoeuvres recently staged by the navies of the West in various areas, Jane's said that these had proved that the Western forces could be welded into one "international fleet" to meet any threat.

Jane's said, "A striking and little realised feature of the navies of today is the degree of uniformity which has been achieved or can be attained in fleet operations."

Jane's warns that reports on Russian naval developments must be "treated with reserve" but added that apparently reliable reports said that Russia now had 370 submarines in service and were rushing 120 to completion with the eventual aim of a 1,000-submarine navy.

Naval authorities promptly pointed out, however, that these figures were the same as Jane's estimates last year of Red undersea strength—an indication either that the Russians had lightened security precautions or that they were making less progress than they cared to admit.

### COMMENT OF THE DAY

#### Mr Lyttelton's Compliment

MR Oliver Lyttelton, the Secretary of State for the Colonies, could not have paid the Hongkong Police Force a more graceful compliment than that implied in his expressed desire to have our Police Commissioner, Mr D. W. MacIntosh, in Malaya to reorganise and revitalise the Police Force there for the purpose of waging a more successful campaign against the bandits and terrorists. The Secretary of State is quoted as having been tremendously impressed by the "smooth but taut efficiency" of our Police, and to have expressed the conviction that if it has been possible to build up a "happy and prosperous Hongkong" by means of good government and efficient policing, he can see no reason why the same should not be accomplished in Malaya. Given everything else equal there could be no contesting Mr Oliver's proposition. It cannot, however, be seriously suggested that the post-war problems of Hongkong and Malaya have been anything like parallel. Malaya has been plagued with a deliberate, well-organised political vendetta directed against the established government and the forces of law and order.

#### Anglo-Egyptian Relations

WHILE it is probably expecting too much for any immediate or spectacular results from today's meeting in Paris between Mr Anthony Eden and the Egyptian Foreign Minister, the fact that the Anglo-Egyptian dispute can be discussed on this high level and in a more or less informal atmosphere offers some hope of a modus vivendi being reached which can pave the way for a rational composing of differences. Main obstacle at present to a settlement through diplomatic channels is the continued operations of terrorists in the Canal Zone. Until their activities cease it is impossible to pursue discussions that have any prospects of yielding a mutually agreeable solution to this problem of Anglo-Egyptian relations. The Cairo Government has acknowledged its responsibility in this

direction and yesterday reiterated its earlier announcement that it was taking over control of the so-called Liberation Army for the purpose of purging it of terrorist elements. Tangible results are awaited. Mr Eden will certainly seek positive assurances from his opposite number that the Egyptian Government intends to restore normal conditions in the Canal Zone. Failure on the part of Salah Pasha to give those assurances and to satisfy Mr Eden they can and will be fulfilled will make it virtually impossible for the Paris discussions to achieve anything remotely progressive. The British Foreign Secretary has given notice that he is going to approach his meeting with Salah Pasha in a spirit of goodwill and honourable intentions. If the Egyptian representative is similarly minded there may be some gratifying results.

## Christmas Parcels

Five thousand free Christmas parcels for troops in Korea recently left London Airport. Picture shows a general view in the Army Postal Depot, Knightsbridge, with some of the 5,000 parcels being sorted for despatch.



## Rebels Given Bad Time

Hanoi, Dec. 18. Disorganised Communist-led rebels remaining east of the Black River were being cut to ribbons early today by mobile French and Vietnamese forces 40 miles west of here.

French Headquarters declared that 50 per cent of the 312 Vietnamese division which infiltrated the French lines had been killed, captured or wounded.

An Army spokesman on Sunday had placed the number of Communists killed in the Hoabinh sector in the past five days between 2,000 and 2,500. He said French losses were about one to every 20 Communists.

## Eisenhower & Presidency

To Run Says Journal

Washington, Dec. 17. General Dwight D. Eisenhower, the Supreme Atlantic Commander in Europe, has agreed to nomination as the Republican candidate for the Presidency of the United States, the United States News and World Report said today.

The independent weekly magazine did not quote its sources but said that the facts were established in a canvass of people with "first-hand knowledge."

It claimed to have "established the fact" that the General would not object to his name being entered as a Republican in the New Hampshire primary on March 15.—Reuter.

## Strachey's Solution For Malaya Problem

London, Dec. 17. Mr John Strachey, Secretary of State for War in the Labour Government, today declared that the political leaders Dato Onn and Dato Tan Cheng Lock could win the co-operation of the people of Malaya in the development of that country.

In an article in the Labour paper Daily Herald, Mr Strachey stressed that Britain must be prepared to give up power in Malaya as soon as competent indigenous authorities were available.

He described as "so particularly unfortunate" the political statements of the Colonial Secretary, Mr Oliver Lyttelton, and in particular, his statement or implied statement on arrival at Singapore that the extension of democracy and self-government must be postponed till after the emergency.

Mr Strachey added, "When Mr Lyttelton got to Malaya itself, he was made to realise the mistake he had made and was induced to say, or imply, the opposite—namely that the introduction of democracy and self-government (which has begun) must go on."

Mr Strachey said that when he visited Malaya in June, 1950, he came to the conclusion that the British alone could never put down the insurrection in Malaya.

"Only rapid political development, with Malays, Chinese and Indians, aided by us, themselves taking over the main job could bring success."

**NO ORGANISATION**

"But at that time there was no united organisation of the Malay, Chinese and Indian inhabitants of Malaya which could represent and organise the Malayan people, and to which we could progressively transfer power," Mr Strachey continued.

"By good fortune, such an organisation has now emerged."

"Exactly such a party has been founded by two remarkable men, both of whom I met in Malaya."

"Dato Onn is the outstanding modern-minded Malay, reasonable, friendly, but firmly determined that the remaining elements of colonial status for his country should be quickly eliminated."

"Dato Tan Cheng Lock, a leading Chinese business man and an intellectual, has joined with Dato Onn and with the representatives of the half million Indians in Malaya to create a new inter-racial party which is evidently intended to do for Malaya what the Indian Congress Party did for India—achieve independence and democratic self-government."

"Far from fearing and opposing this new party, we are delighted to see it."

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## BORDER SHOOTING

### Syrian Sentry Kills Two Fishermen

Tel-Aviv, Dec. 17. An Israeli official spokesman said here on Monday night that shots from a Syrian sentry killed two Israelis in a fishing boat on the Sea of Galilee on Sunday night.

This was the first incident on the Syrian-Israeli border since the clashes last May over Israel's draining of the Huleh marshes in the frontier area.

A third man was wounded but managed to escape by hiding in the bottom of the boat until dark, the spokesman said.

In a strong protest to the United Nations Syrian-Israeli Mixed Armistice Commission, Israel demanded that it meet at once to discuss the incident.

The Commission has not met since the border fighting last May.

Major Arich Friedlander, head of Israel's delegation to the Commission, in a note today to its American Chairman, Colonel Samuel Taxis, demanded "immediate action to apprehend the criminals and bring home to the Syrian Government the full gravity and implications of this brutal act."

The killing of the fishermen has caused an "intolerable situation," the Major's message asserted.—Reuter.

### Empire State Bldg To Be Sold

New York, Dec. 17. The Empire State Building will be sold this week for \$51,000,000, according to the New York Sun today.

The newspaper said the 102-story building will be purchased by a syndicate headed by R. Stevens and A. Glancy—United Press.

## Egyptian Terrorists Ambush British Jeeps

### MILITARY OFFICER DIES FROM WOUND: THREE POLICEMEN SHOT

Ismailia, Dec. 17. Egyptian terrorists ambushed two British Army jeeps tonight in Ismailia. They shot a lieutenant in the head — a wound from which he died in hospital later.

Three military policemen were also wounded in the same ambush. A corporal, who was shot in the neck, is dangerously ill.

The ambush took place about 200 yards from the Egyptian police headquarters. A bomb was thrown from the roadside and the terrorists opened up small-arms fire.

The road is used legally by British Army transports. It is supposed to be guarded by Egyptian police.

The first jeep escaped damage, but the second jeep was repeatedly hit. The leading jeep stopped, turned round and picked up the wounded.

After the ambush, two other military police jeeps tried to reach the scene from the direction of the Moascar garrison, but were stopped at a bridge.

A Royal Air Force police car went over the bridge and down the road. It encountered heavy fire but came back without casualties.

Fire was returned from a British Army gun post at the bridge but it is not known if any casualties were inflicted on the terrorists.

The Egyptian Minister of the Interior told the Senate tonight that the Government had decided to take over control of the "liberation battalions" because "certain elements have infiltrated into their ranks which worked for their own purposes."

The Minister, Fuad Serag el Din Pasha, announced that the Government has opened a preliminary credit of £210,000 for training youths in its spare time.

He was replying to questions by Independent Senators Galal Hussein and Abdel Wahab Yalaat Pasha on the Government's policy affecting the battalions.

**122 INCIDENTS**

The Minister listed 122 incidents which, he said, were caused by the infuriating elements against Egyptians and non-British foreigners between October 16 and December 6.

These included robberies, threats to obtain money, incitement to murder and urging Government labour to leave work.

(In a note last night Britain accused the Egyptian police of the deliberate murder of British soldiers in Ismailia on an incident on November 18).

The Interior Minister said that when the Egyptian Government discovered that these elements were working for the "real struggle to expel the British from the country," it decided to take over control of the battalions to realise the aims of really faithful youths by training them under the supervision of a technical and military committee headed by Abdel Meguid Abdel Hakk.

The Minister's statement was received with cheers from all sides of the Upper House.

**PERIOD OF SILENCE**

"Political arrangements for defence of the Middle East are no concern of mine. But as a soldier I will say that if the Middle East is to organise its defence at all I cannot see how it can be done without Egypt."

Recommending "a period of silence in which neither of us slanged each other but when each of us tried to understand each other's point of view," General Erskine said that the alternative would mean that "we shall be committed to a period where we move further and further apart, tempers will be raised and blood will be shed."

The Egyptian correspondent had gone from Cairo to interview General Erskine at his Fayid headquarters in the Canal Zone.

General Erskine told the correspondent that whenever he had received help from the police authorities the situation had shown improvement.

"I am most anxious that at least in public security matters we should come to a sound working arrangement," he said.

General Erskine said that Egypt was so geographically placed that she could not remain neutral unless she had her own armed forces comparable in scale to what were required last time when the threat came from the west.—Reuter.

## Bank Draft Racket

Karachi, Dec. 17. The newspaper Evening Star reported tonight that the police had discovered a bank draft forging racket involving 400,000 rupees (£40,000) and with ramifications at Rangoon and Hongkong.

It was said that the racketeers sold forged drafts to "Arabs and foreigners" who sold them to foreign banks. The newspaper alleged that the fraud was "discovered when the Rangoon police asked the Karachi police to investigate two drafts on Rangoon bank which did not exist. The Karachi police were also working in co-operation with the Hongkong police, the paper said."

The newspaper reported that five arrests had been made and that among those arrested were three representatives of a local business firm.—France-Press.



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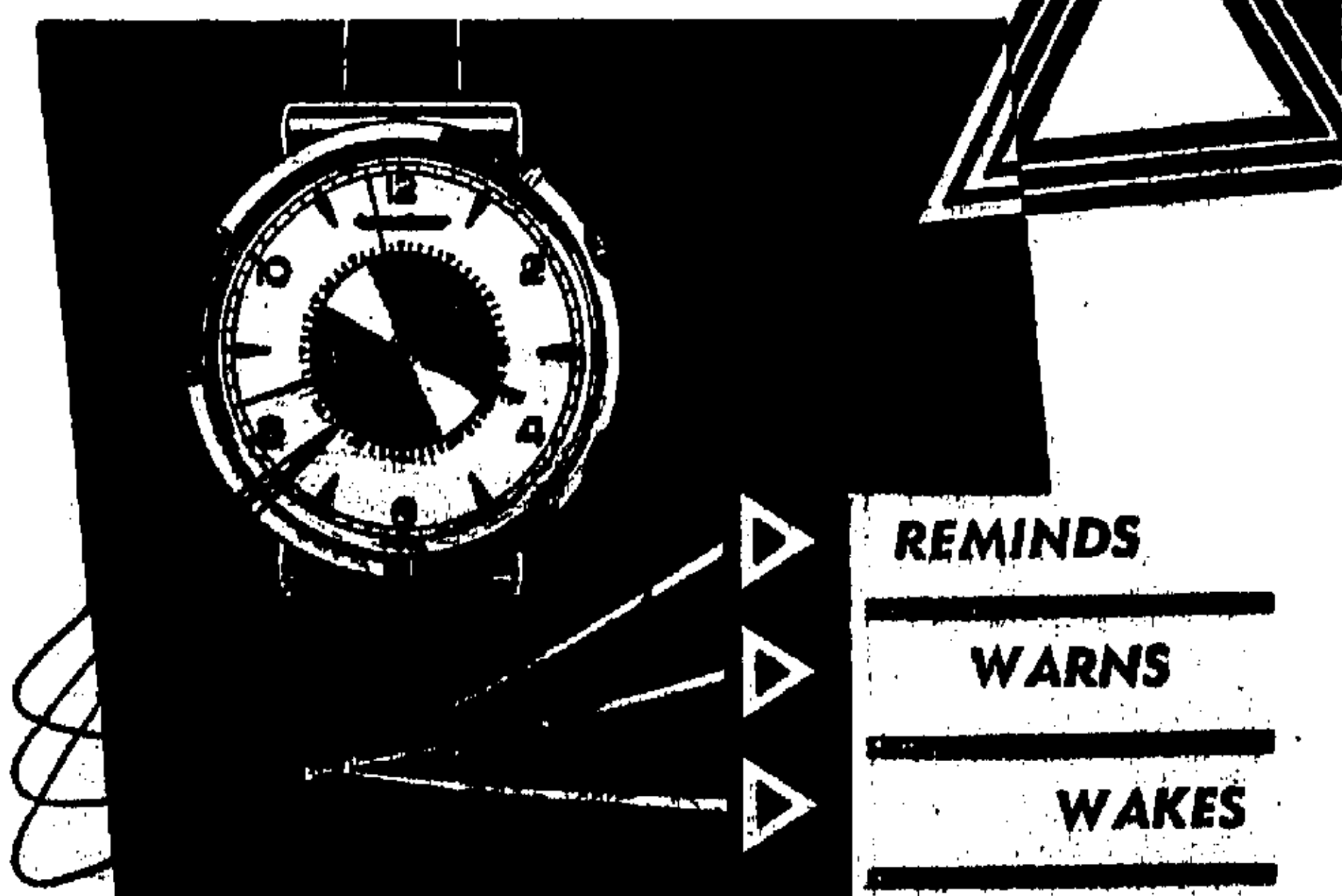
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## New Snow-storm Hits Oklahoma

Chicago, Dec. 17.  
A new snow-storm  
swept into the Middle  
West today, and forecasters  
said that it would be  
followed by another severe  
sub-zero cold wave.  
The storm, the second to  
hit within three days,  
developed over Northern  
Oklahoma and Southern  
Kansas and began moving  
northward with winds  
of 25 to 35 miles an hour.  
It was forecast that it  
would lay three to six  
inches of new snow over  
the area stretching from  
Nebraska to New England.  
—United Press.

## PRESIDENT'S MOVE IN PAA STRIKE

Washington, Dec. 17.  
President Truman today  
formed an emergency board in  
an effort to end the strike of  
Pan-American World Airways,  
which threatens serious dis-  
ruption of the Korean airlift.  
Nearly 6,000 ground and  
flight staff of the company have  
been on strike since yesterday.  
24 hours after a deadlock in  
the wage talks.

The President's Press Sec-  
retary, Mr. Joseph Short, told re-  
porters today that the White  
House acted because Pan-  
American handled a large  
volume of traffic for the Korean  
airlift which might be seriously  
disrupted if the strike con-  
tinued.

In Los Angeles, Mr. Jerome  
Fenton, Assistant Vice-Pre-  
sident of Pan-American World  
Airways in charge of industrial  
relations, accused CIO transport  
workers of walking out in an  
illegal, surprise strike.

Mr. Fenton said that the  
Union struck in violation of  
the Railway Labor Act with-  
out informing its members of  
the Company's offer of a 10-  
cent hourly wage increase.

The Airline stood ready to  
follow processes set forth in  
the Railway Labor Act in-  
cluding arbitration to settle  
the strike of 5,800 mechanics,  
stewards and commissary  
workers.

The Company would exert a  
special effort to maintain the  
Korean airlift operations and  
its important services linking  
Berlin with West Germany.  
—Reuter and United Press.

## RIVIERA BEAUTY ON TELEVISION



## Mossadegh's Appeal

Teheran, Dec. 17.  
Premier Mohammad Mossadegh  
today appealed to the electorate  
to vote for a candidate who  
would help his Government  
settle the oil question and  
eliminate foreign interference.

In an election campaign broad-  
cast over Radio Teheran, Dr.  
Mossadegh pledged complete  
freedom in the forthcoming  
national balloting and announced  
that the "National Front" or-  
ganization would enter no  
candidate.

State and municipal officials  
are to start making arrange-  
ments for voting in the capital  
and northern provinces on  
Tuesday.

No date has yet been set for  
the actual elections nor have any  
preliminary plans been made for  
voting so far in central and  
southern Iran. —United Press.

# A SOMBRE FUTURE FOR CATHOLICS ON CHINA MAINLAND

Vatican City, Dec. 17.

Communist China expelled 1,238 Roman  
Catholic missionaries in the year 1951, the Fides  
Agency, which specialises in news of foreign mis-  
sions, reported today.

In addition, it said, the prisons of China still  
hold at least 300 priests, Brothers and Nuns and  
22 Bishops, including both native clergies and  
foreign missionaries who are accused of opposing  
the Communist Government.

The expelled missionaries,  
said the report, include 10  
Bishops, 530 priests, 40 Brothers  
—teachers or assistants—and  
650 Nuns, and the exodus is  
continuing.

Calling 1951 one of the most  
difficult years the Catholic  
Church ever endured in China,  
the agency said.

"The future is no less sombre  
for priests still in the country,  
whether they are foreign mis-  
sionaries or native Chinese."

Fides said the remaining  
Catholic missionary personnel  
in China is paralysed.

8,100 LEFT

Foreign missionaries still in  
China, it said, total 1,500  
priests, 100 Brothers and 600  
Nuns. The total missionary  
personnel of China—including  
natives—numbers about 2,500  
priests, 600 Brothers and 5,000  
Nuns.

Chinese Nuns, Fides explained,  
belong to Sisterhoods that  
are exclusively Chinese or to  
communities of foreign mis-  
sionary Sisters.

Many of those that belonged  
to strictly Chinese communities  
have, because of the circum-  
stances, been dispensed from  
their vows so that they could  
return to their families where,  
said Fides, they will be inval-  
uable in keeping the Christian  
spirit alive.

Strangely enough, the agency  
added, "a number of major  
seminaries have been able to  
continue to operate. Of 28  
that existed in 1948, about 15  
are still functioning. The  
minor seminaries, however,  
have nearly all disappeared."  
—Associated Press.

## Socialists Plan Action In Far East

Brussels, Dec. 17.

The Executive Committee of  
the Socialist International met  
here today to begin mapping  
out further action to give teeth  
to decisions by the General  
Council's Congress here last  
week-end.

The Committee will next  
meet in London later this week.

One of its tasks is to plan a  
Socialist ideological offensive  
throughout the Far East. The  
Congress decided that this could  
best be done if a regional  
Federation of Socialist Parties  
was created.

The Council ruled that this  
mission should be entrusted to  
the Indian and Japanese Social  
Democratic parties, which are  
the strongest and best organised  
in the Far East.

The Executive Committee has  
to decide what sums each mem-  
ber party of the International  
will have to contribute towards  
a fund to aid the Asian work.

High on the list of prospective  
members of the International  
are the Socialist parties in  
Burma, Indonesia and Indo-  
China.

The Congress decided to  
inaugurate similar action in  
Europe devised to attract large  
sections of European youth into  
the Socialist ranks. —Reuter.

## A Bull's Eye

Southbridge, Mass., Dec. 17.  
An American optical company  
has made a bull's eye.

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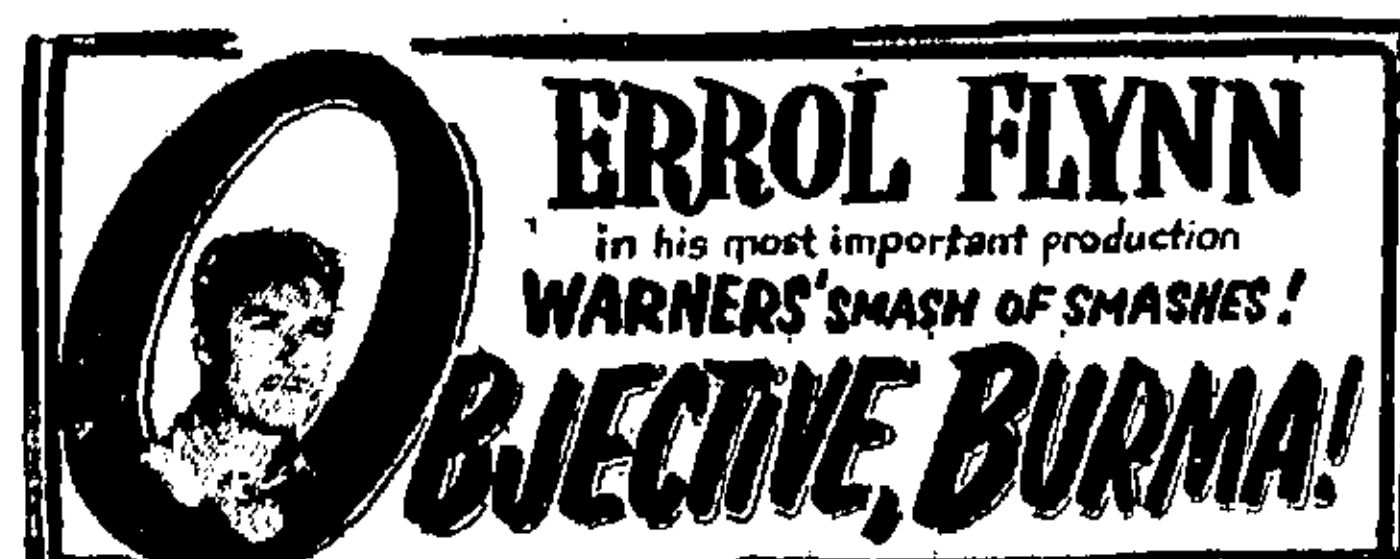
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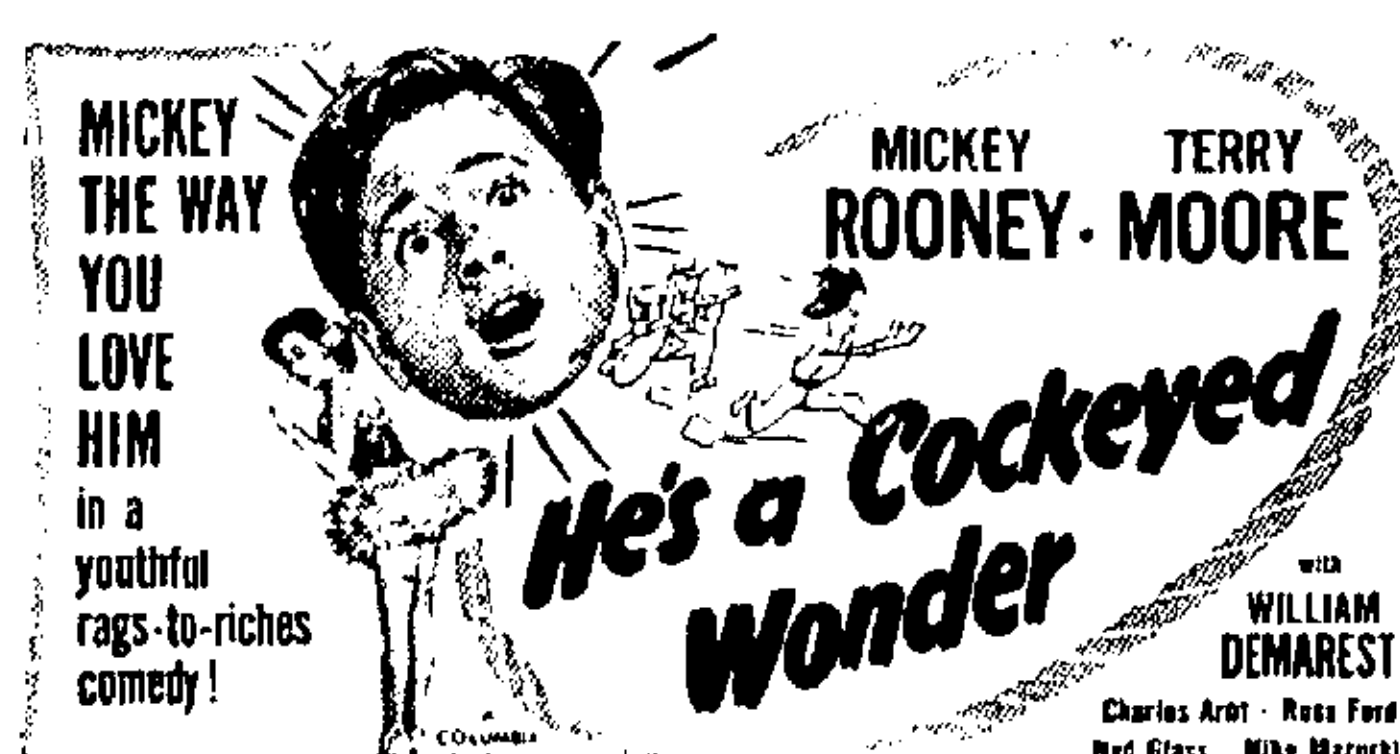
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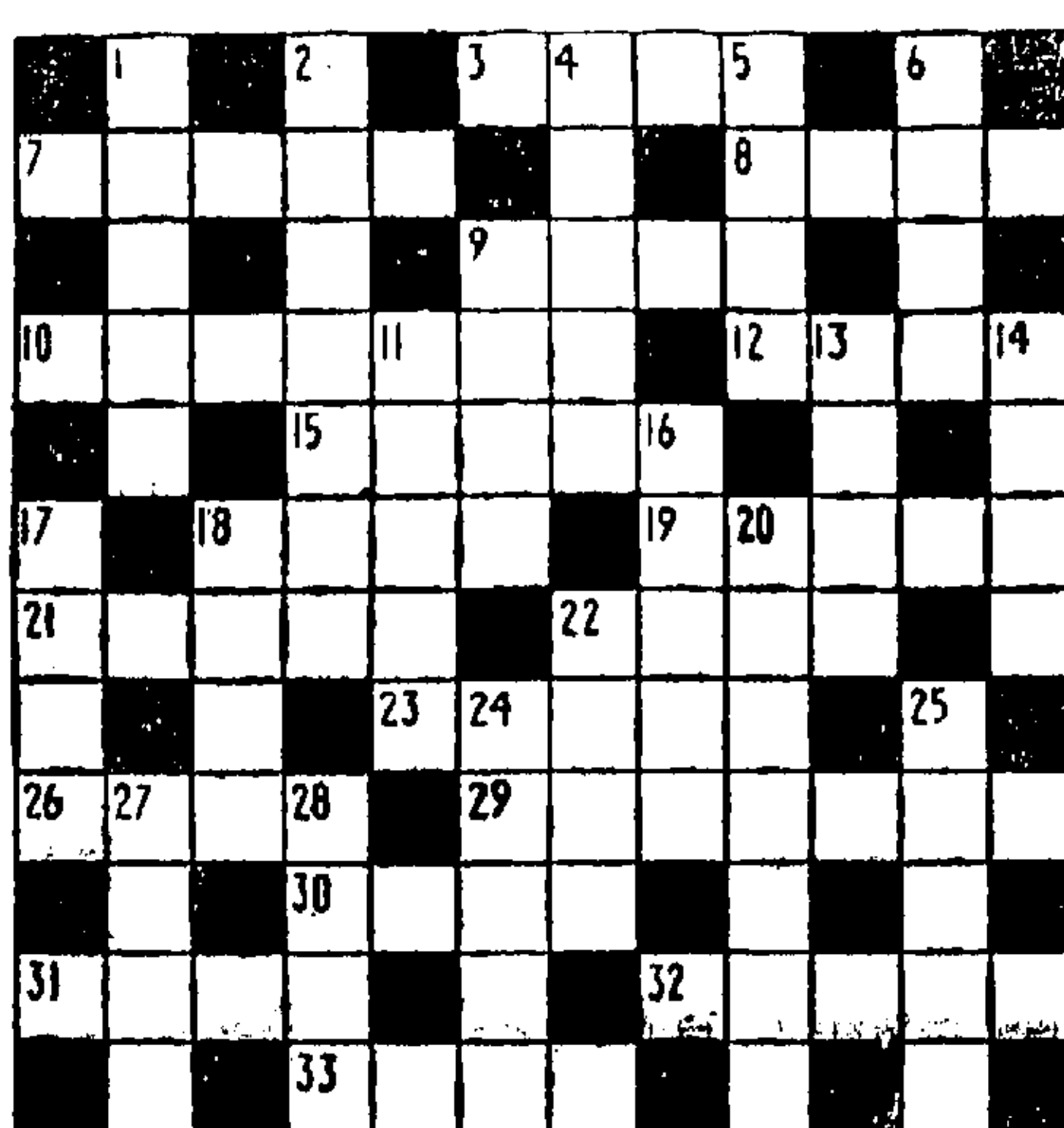
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7 Test (5).  
8 Seen (4).  
9 Praise (4).  
10 Seat (7).  
12 Man-eater (4).  
15 Percolated (5).  
18 Spot (4).  
19 Elevate (5).  
21 Correspond (5).  
22 Saucy (4).  
23 Weapon (10).  
26 Chase (4).  
29 Beaming (7).  
30 Bellow (4).  
31 Singer (4).  
32 Stage show (6).  
33 Fish (4).

**DOWN**  
1 Answer (5).  
2 Red Indian child (7).  
4 Foolish (5).  
5 Decoration on lower part of wall (4).  
6 Tie up (4).  
9 Idle (7).  
11 Suits (5).  
13 Cabbage (4).  
14 Observes (4).  
16 Fear (5).  
17 Money (4).  
18 Country (4).  
20 Came (7).  
22 Fruit (4).  
24 Trick (5).  
25 Probable (5).  
27 One (4).  
28 Snare (4).

**YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD**—Across: 1. Pencil; 7. Icons; 9. Chomps; 10. Bases; 11. Pass; 13. Meticulous; 18. Tally; 19. Neat; 19. Dispersed; 22. Maim; 24. Yearn; 25. Bait; 26. Taut; 29. Stream. Down: 3. Nocturnal; 4. Comp; 5. Slender; 6. Disposed; 8. Toss; 9. Cause; 12. Sails; 13. Minus; 14. Intimate; 17. Adieu; 18. Sparks; 20. Solved; 21. Extra; 23. Ayah.

## GBS Letters Auctioned

London, Dec. 17. Letters written by George Bernard Shaw to the actress Ada Rehan between 1901 and 1907 were bought at Sotheby's today by the London book dealer, Mr. Raphael Kins, for £55 for "an enthusiastic American Shaw collector."

In one of the letters G. B. S. wrote: "Who are the first-rate authors? Pinero, Jones and Barry. I omit for the moment Shakespeare, who is played out and Shaw, who is not yet played in."

A second batch of nine Shaw messages went to Mr. King for £22. In one of these Shaw commented: "They told me that I should die unless I ate meat. I did not eat meat and I am not dead."

—Reuter.

## New Jersey Air Disaster Inquiry

Elizabeth, N.J., Dec. 17. A six-way investigation opened today to determine the cause of the second worst air disaster in the nation's history that brought death to 56 persons.

Federal, State and local investigators met in a rooming house in a few blocks from the crash site where people had come to identify the bodies of the bodies of the victims.

The plane, covered with black smoke, was on the ground when it crashed. The wreckage of the plane was scattered in a field. The plane was a twin-engine plane. The pilot, Captain C. A. Lyons, of Miami, tried to bank the ship to return to the field but something snapped and the plane plummeted into the shrubbery.

Officials of the Civil Aeronautics Board launched the inquiry to determine whether the converted Curtiss Commando had been properly inspected before the take-off.

## ALLEGED DEFICIENCY

The C.A.B. was joined by representatives of the Civil Aeronautics Authority, Miami Airlines Incorporated, the State of New York and officials of Essex County.

Mr. Joseph Fluet, chief of the New York Office of the C.A.B., summoned an engineer specialist from Washington to investigate the reported heater deficiency in the plane's engine.

Essex County authorities moved in to learn whether every safety precaution had been taken before the ship left Newark.

The staff of five physicians, augmented by morticians and a score of grief-stricken relatives, are sifting through stacks of personal belongings found at the scene.

"We are trying to dissuade them from looking at the bodies," an official said. "It's better if they try to find their loved ones through personal effects."

—United Press.

## Congress Gains In Election

New Delhi, Dec. 17. The Congress Party has won 24 out of 36 seats in the new Parliament.

The state of other parties—Independents, eight; K.M.P. (Popular Workers and Peasants Party) three; Federation of Untouchables, one.

The polling, which is being conducted sectionally, will extend over a three-month period. So far, 10 Congress Party candidates have been returned unopposed, and three other Independents and one other K.M.P. candidate elected to the House.

The Congress Party's success, political observers said, confirmed pre-election forecasts.

—France-Press.

## Manners Bequest Valid

London, Dec. 17. Mr. Justice Vaisey, in the Chancery Court, upheld the will of Mrs. Bernard Shaw, under which £25,000 goes into a trust to teach Irishmen and Irish women "good manners and the conduct of living."

# British Proposal For Five-Nation Report On German Elections

Paris, Dec. 17. Britain today put up the names of five countries for the United Nations Commission to investigate conditions for an all-German election.

Sir Gladwyn Jebb, speaking for the Western Powers in the Special (Ad Hoc) Political Committee, proposed Pakistan, Brazil, Iceland, Holland and one Communist country — Poland — for this task.

But he denied three "wild accusations" levelled at the proposed Commission by the Soviet side. These were:

1. That its job was to bring the whole of Germany into the Western war camp.

2. That it could not put the German Government "in a state of observation."

3. That it was to complete the work of the "four big powers."

Sir Gladwyn said "it does seem likely that any agreement could be achieved only by the four big powers. Since the four powers are not much concerned about the facts of the situation in Germany, it is true that as a result of our debate it has become clear that there is not much chance of the Commission being able to carry out its task immediately."

"It is for this very reason that we have tried a new approach to the problem by including the aid of the United Nations."

## DIFFERENT THING

"The Western powers feel, however, that moral pressure, which merely consists in telling the Eastern powers to try again, is not very helpful."

Sir Gladwyn said that an impartial Commission as sought by the three Western Powers was "very different thing from a four-power Commission."

Furthermore, the increasingly bitter experience of the German Federal Republic had no doubt made them feel that the greater safeguard of United Nations supervision of elections was essential.

Sir Gladwyn said that it was hoped that Poland would serve in the proposed Commission with Brazil, Iceland, Holland and Pakistan as it was not desired that the views of certain Eastern European countries should go unrepresented.

America, Britain and France were not trying a "four-power" trial with their Commission proposal.

## LIGHT NEEDED

"The truth is that they feel themselves as a divided," the Soviet Government may also find themselves in an uncomfortable dilemma.

"Both sides want Germany united, neither side can agree on the precise methods of achieving it. Let us then both agree on an investigation by an admittedly impartial body."

Sir Gladwyn said that they could hardly believe Russia would boycott the entire proposal, which could rescue both sides from the dilemma.

He urged, "Light" should be directed towards any murky corners that may exist in any part of the two Germanies.

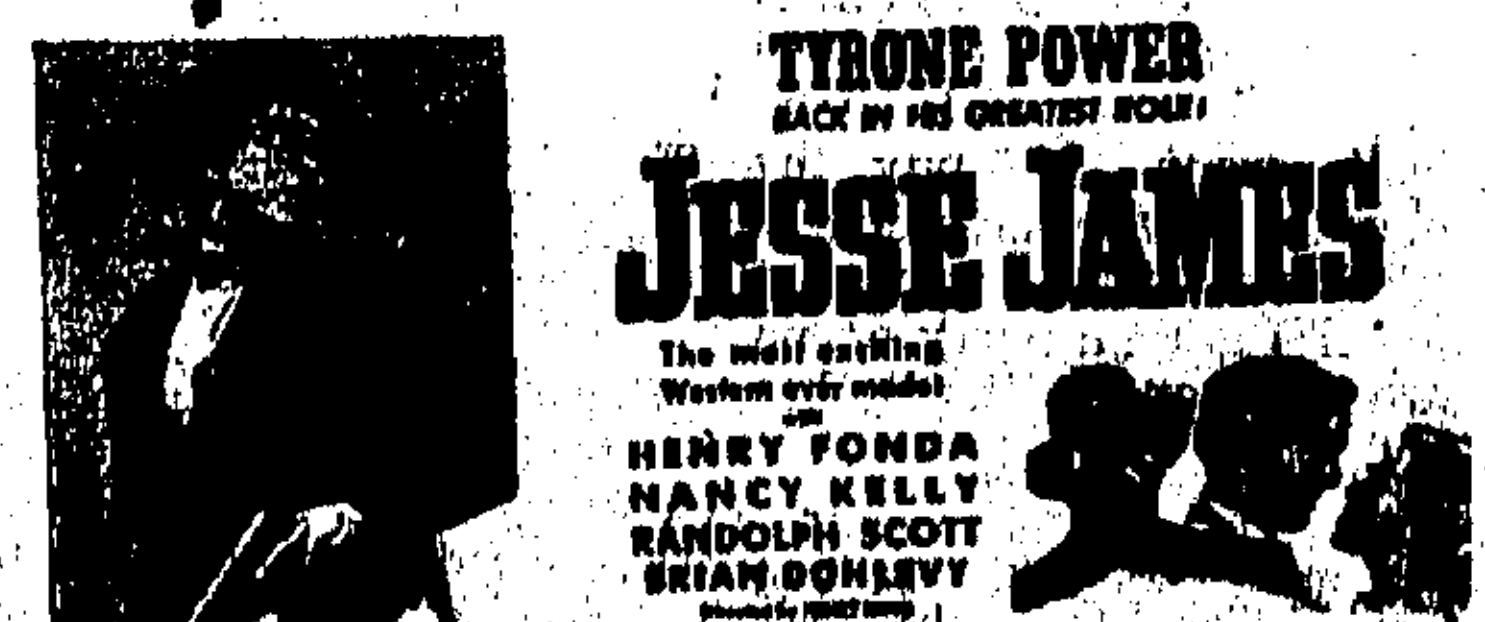
The divergent views expressed before the Committee by the East and West German representatives were the strongest possible argument for setting up the impartial Commission immediately.

"But," he added, "We certainly do not intend ever to exclude the possibility of four-power talks when they are likely to bear results."

The Israeli delegate, M. Maurice Fisher, argued that Germany should be encouraged to choose new leaders only after both East and West Zones had been compelled to assume responsibility.

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## Suez Canal Must Be Kept Open

Washington, Dec. 17. Vice-Admiral Gardner, Commander of the American Sixth Fleet, said in an interview published today that it was vital for the United States to keep the Suez Canal open and to co-operate with Greece and Turkey in Mediterranean defense.

Admiral Gardner made this statement in an interview with the United States News and World Report. His flagship, the 17,000-ton cruiser Des Moines is now visiting Yugoslavia after visits to Greece and Turkey.

Vice-Admiral Gardner said that the American Sixth Fleet was frequently supplied by ships coming directly from the United States, and that it was equipped with carrier-borne planes capable of carrying one ton. The Admiral refused, however, to make any comment on the use of the atomic bomb.

With regard to Middle Eastern defence, Admiral Gardner said that America was spending millions of dollars and expending considerable energy to shut the door to Europe against all aggression.

Americans were spending a lot of money and were losing many lives to close the "traders' entrance"—that of aggression in Korea.

It was certainly necessary to stop anyone entering the Western defenses by a side door like the Middle East, he added.

## BRITISH NOTE TO RUSSIA

London, Dec. 17. Britain will very shortly refute Soviet charges that the proposed Middle East Command constitutes an aggressive alliance, a Foreign Office spokesman said today.

The British Ambassador in Moscow, Sir Alvaro Gaseigne, will hand over a note to the Soviet Government in the next day or two.

France, Turkey and the United States, all founder members of the Command, are also expected to reject the Soviet charges in the near future though diplomatic quarters here believe that the notes would not be identical.

—Reuter.

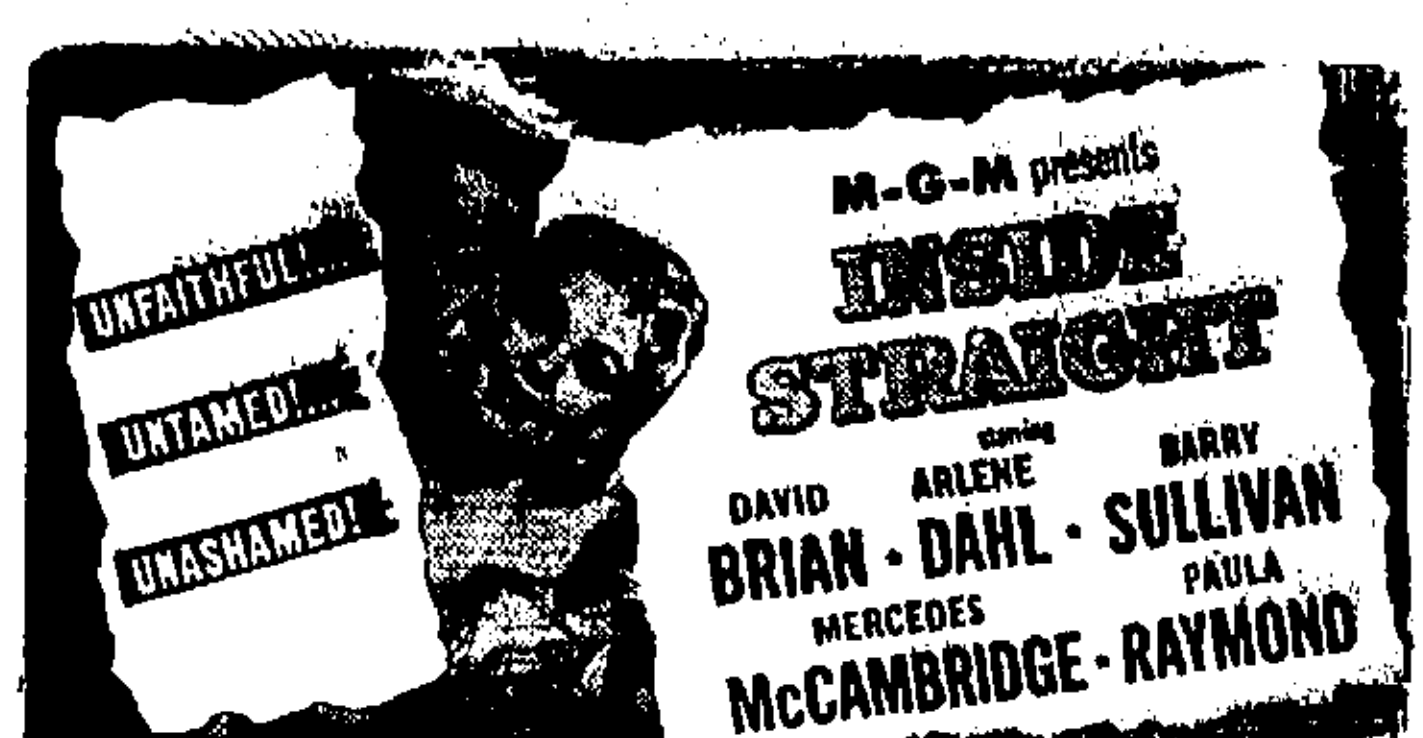
## Setting Up The New Libya

London, Dec. 17. Power will be transferred to an independent Libyan Government on December 27, it is expected in usually well-informed diplomatic quarters here.

Under a United Nations resolution of 1949, it was decided that an independent Libya should be created before January 1, 1952. Libya, on attainment of independence, will under this resolution become a member of the United Nations. The Emir, Sayed Idris El Senussi, who becomes King of the new State, will be enthroned at Ghazi before the end of the month.

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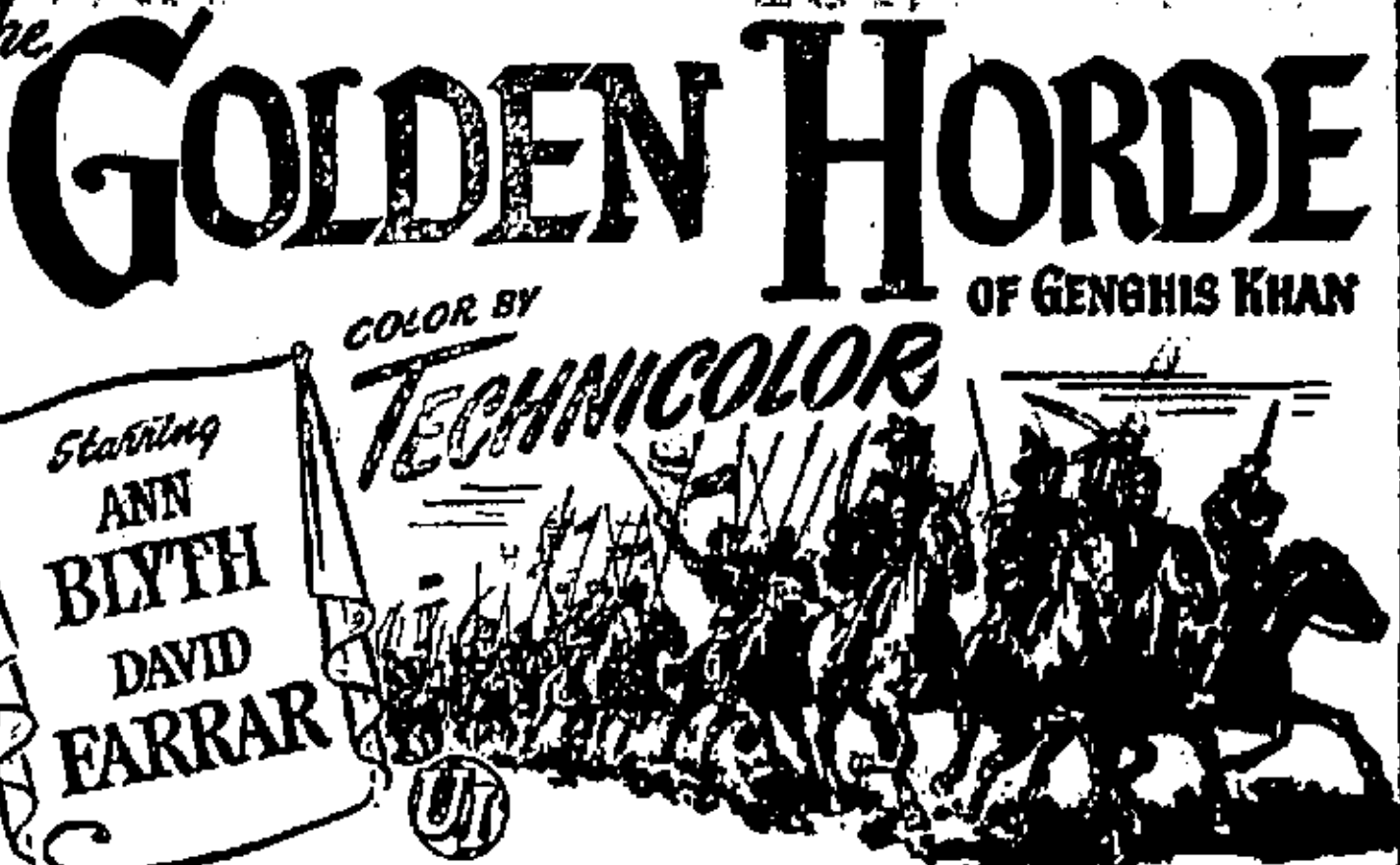


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**ROLEX OYSTER****THE DING OF DONG****'UTILITY' DEBUTANTES**

Less glamour, less expense,  
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Court is just the same

A MONTH ago there should have appeared in the newspapers those dignified advertisements from the Lord Chamberlain announcing the dates when the newest debutantes can gather in round-eyed excitement to be presented at Court.

The King's planned convalescence cruise in the spring may mean no presentation courts next year.

Does it matter?

To the anxious mothers who are telephoning the Lord Chamberlain's office to find out if there are any instructions from the Palace it appears to matter a great deal.

Before the war it was costing something like £500,000 a year to bring out the debutantes. Father was lucky to get away with a bill of anything under £1,000 for the season.

Before a girl can be presented she must have a sponsor who has already been to Court. The sponsor herself must apply for the girl's invitation.

With many impoverished gentlemen seeking an easy-made addition to their income, a racket soon flourished. The Lord Chamberlain was angry. It was decreed that any woman found to have been paid to present a girl would be refused permission to present again. But, of course, there are ways and means of getting over that obstacle.

£10,000 is supposed to be the highest figure a man has ever paid to see his daughter at Court. That was just before the last war.

In the economy days since the war the old glamorous evening presentation Courts have gone.

Now the presentations are done at afternoon Palace parties. The debutantes are not presented individually. The King and Queen walk down the line speaking occasionally to a specially favoured one.

A girl can—and many do today—go to her presentation in a utility dress.

"A girl and her mother just buy the new hat, gloves, and the summer dress they would normally get," I was told by Mrs. Horace Farquharson, a professional adviser on the intricacies of "coming out."

"Less fuss is made of titles among debutantes today. A title is only valuable if there is money with it. Most girls work for a living. Their friends are from varying social levels."

"Presentation is still one of the great moments in the life of the modern society girl. But no longer because she is looking for a husband. They pick their husbands differently now."

The cruelty has gone out of a debutante's life, too, said Mrs. Farquharson. The "season" could be very brutal to a girl who was shy, dull, or plain.

Today it can—and often does—cost up to £3,000 for the girl who still shines on something like a "season."

But for most debutantes social life consists of the appearance at Court and a 50s. ticket to the debutantes' ball given in aid of Queen Charlotte's Hospital.

During the war, when there were no presentations, the ball was the only substitute—though officially it didn't count.

The woman who organised the ball for years was tall, aristocratic-looking Lady Hammond-Graeme.

She has just retired from the task, but throughout her time she was the sergeant-major of debutantes. With a microphone in front of her she would command and chide the white-gowned debutantes.

"Last year," said Lady Hammond-Graeme, "I really told them off. I said they were the worst lot I had ever met. 'Put your heads up and your sterna in. You'll enter the room like a lot of camels.' I told them. They were the best of the lot."

Lady Hammond-Graeme is in a position to judge the debutante of today. "She's very much nicer than the girl of the pre-war years. She is so much better mannered. There were some frightful creatures before the war."

It is just as well for their sponsors that the modern debutante is well behaved. For the Court holds the sponsors responsible for any of the errors of their charges.

There was a girl who wore a skin-tight dress. It was beautiful and she was proud of it—until she arrived in the Palace. She suddenly realised she couldn't curtsy without splitting the dress.

She thought fast, and, with the fascinated eyes of every other woman watching her, flung herself low in an Eastern obeisance.

Her mentor was promptly refused permission to appear at Court again.

Then there was the high-ranking woman who sponsored unwittingly a divorcee. She could never present another person after that.

**ROBERT GLENTON****DIPLOMATIC INCIDENT****BRITTEN MAKES IT SEVEN...**

**BILLY BUDD.** Benjamin Britten's seventh opera in ten years, has had its curtain-rise at Covent Garden. The first performance was conducted by Britten himself, who, in slacks and windbreaker jacket, spent a month of mornings and afternoons in the Covent Garden crush room and other places coaching 16 or so principal singers to the sour tinkle of rehearsal pianos.

It cannot be said that he and his librettists (E. M. Forster, the novelist, and Eric Crozier) have gone out of their way to make things easy for the box office. Democracy, in the spring of 1939, to words by Randall Swingler, which, after declaring that the "big bosses" were plotting our doom, called upon the people to rise against war.

There are no women in the cast. Therefore there are no love duets, hitherto the staple diet of operagoers.

The sixteen principals, like the entire chorus, are men and boys serving aboard the 74-gun indomitable, a warship of Nelson's day. Budd is a handsome, virtuous foretopman who, loved by all but the ship's sinister master at arms, is betrayed into an offence against the Mutiny Act and, after court martial, hangs from the yard-arm. Such is the theme which Forster and Crozier have taken from Herman Melville.

The possibility that an all-male cast might scare the conventionally minded away from Covent Garden occurred to Britten while the Budd score was still on the stocks.

"I can't help it if some people are scared," he said to me at the time. "Billy Budd is an opera that has to be written. I haven't felt as keenly about any work since Peter Grimes. And off he went for another two-hour trudge across the salt marshes near his Aldeburgh (Suffolk) home to work out in his head the music for the next dozen pages.

**ARISE!**

THIS linking of Budd with Grimes is logical. Both are individuals at loggerheads with their environment. The significant thing is that Britten has been at loggerheads himself. His phase of conflict came on the eve of the war, when he was 25.

For six years he had been a reasonably thriving freelance composer for films, theatres, festivals, Proms, and so on. But there was a persistent malaise. The prospect of war angered him. He felt very much at home in the Bloomsbury Leftists.

For mixed voices he wrote a fervent choral piece, *Advance*

MAN OF CONFLICT  
Benjamin Britten**THE ANTI-WAR COMPOSER TAKES A NELSON WARSHIP—AND THROWS CONVENTION OVERBOARD—FOR HIS NEW OPERA—WITH-PROFIT BID**

At last the miracle had happened. Here was English opera—or, at any rate, serious opera—which was pleasing to the home market and fit for export.

Meanwhile Britten's social life was beginning to glitter. The man who in 1939 contributed anti-war music (including a satirical *Dance of Death*) to a Festival of Music for the People at the old Queen's Hall stood eleven years later as godparent with Queen Mary and Princess Elizabeth at the christening of the Earl and Countess of Harewood's baby.

At first his Suffolk retreat was a converted stump of windmill at Snape. Now he has a solid, bourgeois-looking house facing the sea at Aldeburgh. In the music room are enviable paintings: a Blake, a Cotman, a Bonington, a Turner, a Constable. "But," he explains, "it's Peter who's the expert on paintings. He can tell you much more about them than I."

On the crest of that mood he and the tenor Peter Pears, who has been his companion and musical partner ever since, sailed for America in the early summer of 1939. Britten talked of becoming an American subject and staying in the U.S.A. for good.

Advance Democracy is now out of print. But the mood that dictated it has its importance in the Britten record.

HE reckoned without home-sickness however. Wartime Britain exercised a queer pull over exiles of every stripe. By March, 1942, after much composing and joint concert giving, he and Pears were back in London. Britten was anxious to help the common cause, if he could, through music.

But no fighting, no khaki for him. He was firm about that. His first appearance before a C.O. tribunal did not prosper; but in August, 1942, an appeal board at Ebury House, Victoria, granted him unconditional exemption from armed service (a rare thing) because of the importance to the nation of his music-making.

Since 1942 Britten has renounced none of his pacifist principles. But nine years bring a difference of emphasis, especially if they are years of success. And Britten's success has, in its way, been unmatched.

Son of a Lowestoft dentist who left £15,000 and three other children, Ben decided at 19 (after Gresham's School and Royal College of Music) to earn his living with his pen. At first he plodded. Peter Grimes cost him a full year's work (the whole of 1943) and creative pangs unimagined. The immediate financial return, including royalties on the first six performances

by CHARLES REID

**THE MIRACLE**

AT once Britten and Pears were in universal demand as recitalists. Often they would give four recitals in one week. Every four recitals meant another hundred guineas in Britten's pocket. (Since then his fees have risen.)

To get about the country more handsily he bought a 1929 Rolls-Royce for £700 later replacing it by a 1935 model. There were United States and Continental trips.

Peter Grimes was followed by four other stage works. The Rape of Lucretia, Albert Herring, a new setting of The Beggar's Opera and The Little Sweep. In five years his operas had 600 performances in nine languages in 15 countries.

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**HIT TUNES? NO**

ALTHOUGH modest enough of manner, Britten has a clear idea of his merits. The morning after a first performance he has been known to screw up a newspaper containing a criticism to his liking and pinch it disgustedly into a corner.

On the other hand he has, I think, too much good sense to credit the extremist clique who say in all seriousness that he is the most important thing that has hit music since Mozart. His output since 18 has been great; its quality uneven.

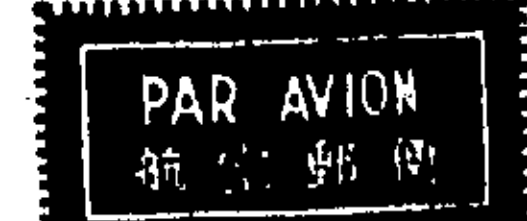
He could not for the life of him write a hit like *One Fine Day* or *Your Tiny Hand* or *Frozen* even if he wanted to, which he ostentatiously does not. (He has a rather childlike contempt for Puccini.)

That he has a measure of genius is, however, undoubted. In some ways you have to go back to Henry Purcell (who died over 250 years ago) before you come upon his equal or his like in home-grown music.

He made it clear that, at his age, it was quite a choice. "London may be cold and damp, but it is such a stimulating place. Things happen here. Theatres, films, dinner parties. People. People with things to say that I want to hear. So I shall stay here through the winter."

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(It was Gaylord Hauser's "Look Younger, Live Longer.") Then he turned back and resumed the job of telling his new film.

**Larry Adler writes of Tokyo—**

YOU may think the United Nations is operating in Paris, but I've got news for you. You'll find a very powerful branch at the American General Hospital in Tokyo.

Playing there was an experience I'll never forget.

I was the guest of the British Commonwealth Division. When I was ushered into the first ward by Miss Drew, a Red Cross worker, I said hello to the men, and asked them what they wanted to hear. They looked blankly at me.

"Mr. Adler," said Miss Drew, "these men don't understand English. They're mostly from Colombia."

"Oh," I replied. (I am noted for my repartee.) Dispensing with announcements, I played "Besame Mucho," "La Paloma," "La Cumparsita," which suited my audience fine.

"Que quieres ustedes ahora, amigos?" I inquired.

"Una rumba," replied one auditor, courteously pretending that my accent was comprehensible.

Flushed with linguistic success, I played the "Peanut Vendor." Next ward.

"WELL, fellows, what would you like to hear?" I asked.

"Mr. Adler," said Miss Drew, "these men are French."

"Adors, mes amis," I said, dismissing the temptation to discuss the plume of my tate, "qu'est-ce que vous voudriez maintenant? Le jazz hot, ou, peut-être, une chose classique?" "La Vie en Rose," replied one patient. I played that, also "Pigalle," "Feuilles Mortes," and "Aupres de ma Blonde." Next ward.

"These patients," said Miss Drew, with something like an air of triumph, "are Greek and Turkish."

"Yassou," I said, which began and ended my Greek—I know even less Turkish—and went into "Misirlou" and some Greek folk songs I learned in Athens this past summer. I just made up Turkish music as I went along. Next ward.

NOTING a number of Negroes, I sighed with relief and launched into "St. Louis Blues," ordinarily a solid winner. The Negroes stared at me coldly, if not disapprovingly.

"You mustn't expect too much of a reaction to your jazz music," said Miss Drew, a shade gleefully. "These men are Ethiopians."

I clapped a hand to my head and, moaning softly, permitted Miss Drew to lead me away.

In the last ward of the American General Hospital I actually found some Americans. Accompanied on the guitar by Frank Allison, who has been lent to me by the Canadian Signal Corps, I put on an all-regiment show, ranging from "Roll-Mop," which I didn't know, to "China Nights," which I haven't learned yet.

AT noon-next day, I left for A Kure, Japan. Three days there—and then Korea. Every-one delightedly tells me how cold it will be there.

"You know," said one such morale-booster, "I wouldn't be surprised if the harmonica froze right to your face."

Isn't that nice? Oh, well, a musician and his instrument are supposed to be inseparable.

**Maugham On The Truth About One's Face**

By LEONARD MOSLEY

**SOMERSET MAUGHAM** (who once described cocktail parties as "gatherings where free drinks are forced upon people who don't want to buy by individuals who have doubts about what they are trying to sell") gave a party of his own in London the other day.

It turned out to be the best liquid selling-job of the year for a film named *ENCORE*, made from a further selection of Maugham's short stories. The well-distilled personality of the shrewd old party himself came out pretty well, too.

Seventy-eight-year-old Mr. Maugham talked about every-

thing from his own film performances (he makes three appearances in this one) to the impact of age on a fresh mind in a body no longer young.

With a second dry martini on its way down as fuel to keep his wit sparkling, he added some side remarks on a modern painter, the influence of easy money on genius—and the stimulus of life in London.

Picture him among a small group of critics. His lean, home-cured face bends forward avidly as if he is trying to look him-

nose. He says, on his possibilities as a film star:—

"I don't think I performed as well in *Encore* as in the two earlier ones. My timing wasn't so good. I slurred some of my words."

"I am supposed to be a cynical old man, but there were moments when I looked so kindly that there is a danger people will begin thinking of me as a poppet."

On looking at his own face—

"Of course, the real way to see your own face is not on the screen or in the mirror, but the way a great artist paints it."

He said I was shocked. I was stunned. Could this face really be mine? And then I began to realise that there was far more of me than I ever saw myself.

Maugham thinks Sutherland is one of the world's great painters. "But now he has done me and Lord Beaverbrook. I wish he would give up portraits."

A fire flickered for a moment in the old eye; as someone mentioned his home at Cap Ferrat, on the Riviera.

"It's such a sunny, pleasant place. I like the sun. But there are moments when a man must choose between sun and good conversation."

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## Saturday's Rugger

# RAF SHOWED UP RATHER WELL AGAINST CLUB

Says "HANLINCODE"

The fifth rounds of the Pentangular Rugby Tournament, played off at the Police Ground, Boundary Street, on Saturday afternoon, failed to excite in any way the fans who attended.

A goodly crowd saw the Club beat the RAF by 18 points to 3, and the Police, who entertained the Navy, were beaten by 28 points to nil.

In neither of the two games did the winning teams show up to their best advantage. This, of course, was due mainly to the weak opposition against them. No team gives of its best when it is not going full out.

The RAF showed up rather well against the mighty Club. Knowing that they would have to give everything they had got to make a game of it, the plucky Flyers really got into the game. The forwards, lighter than their opponents, shone in the loose rushes and showed once more a little improvement on previous matches. This improvement is only slight but the point is that it is definitely there.

The forwards are to be congratulated and it speaks much for the enthusiasm of the players and those responsible for training them that this improvement is taking place. Long may it continue.

It is regrettable that in the back division the improvement is not so noticeable. Of all the players in the RAF team, mention must be made of Harris and his co-partner Bailey.

These two halves certainly played hard and bore the brunt of the Club attack time and time again. Harris cleared quite nicely on many occasions and his kicks were extremely well judged and placed and on all occasions he showed a fine football sense and a sound knowledge of the game.

The Club missed Nolan at stand off half for Campbell, the substitute, just didn't seem able to set his line going, but taken all round, Campbell played quite a good game. The stand off position is a difficult one to take on and this is the first time this season that he has done so.

## Two Slips By Wells Let Oxford In

By PAT MARSHALL

Oxford U. 13pts. Cambridge U.O.

Poor Tom Wells. Rarely can one man have lost a Varsity Rugby match off his own bat as did cricket blue Wells.

Rarely can one man have looked so desolate and alone in the midst of a 45,000 crowd as did Cambridge's New Zealand full-back at "No side."

Wells, the only one of the 30 Varsity men to be chosen for the final English trial, made two mistakes. They cost Cambridge the match and cost him an international cap.

His first came when Cambridge fly-half Billy Bartlett, under pressure near the line, passed back.

Wells slipped on the frosty turf, failed to hold his pass, and Oxford's hooker Nick Croese was on him. Wells partially recovered, slipped again, and the Oxford skipper Giles Bullard (No. 13) was there to touch down in the 13th minute.

### FOOZLED IT

Cambridge battled on three points down until the 20th minute of the second half. They were getting more of the ball from the scrum, while Oxford were ralling the line-out and the loose.

Then Wells came up into his three-quarter line for an all-out attack. He tried a short kick ahead—and fozzled it.

The ball went straight to Oxford's international wing, Trevor Brewer, who raced over under the posts for Bullard to convert.

That was the end of Cambridge. Oxford scored again, Harry Wyckoff finished off a glorious run by fly-half Doug Baker, and Bullard converted.

Mind you, Oxford were full value for their win. Their lighter pack, well led by Bullard, always had the measure of bigger opponents in the loose. Their halves, Ken Spence and Baker, were vastly superior to their counterparts, and the Oxford three-quarters were more adept skaters on the ice-riek surface.

Oxford University—C. Saunders, T. Brewer, B. Boothby, J. Courts, E. Cooper, D. Baker, J. Brown, E. Thompson, N. Croese, C. Germin, E. Wimpers, M. Walker, G. Bullard, D. Davies, H. Wells, G. Bevan, K. Dalgleish, P. Reeve, D. Jones, R. Bartlett, R. Harrison, H. Willis, P. Berger, M. Massey, J. Jenkins, V. Leadbetter, B. Woodall, F. Wheeler, G. Archer.

## Ankara Beats Bernard Pugh

Nottingham, Dec. 17.  
Roy Ankara, of West Africa, the coloured holder of the British Empire Featherweight boxing title, gained another victory, this time against Bernard Pugh, of Liverpool, who retired at the end of the first round of the 12-round bout. Pugh never had a chance. He battled gamely but was battered unmercifully by the Empire Champion.

## ON THE RECORD Chance For The Schoolboys

This column owes an apology to the Hongkong Track and Field Association for leaving the impression in a recent round-up on the Olympic effort locally that the Association was not doing as much as it could.

We have had a letter from Mr. F. J. Tingay, Joint Hon. Secretary with Mr. Kwok Ling-kwong, outlining a long and ambitious programme and explaining that suggestions are very welcome. However, Mr. Tingay adds, arranging an athletic meet is no easy job and this fact alone could limit planning.

That is only too true. It takes officials innumerable to make even one afternoon meet a success and it must be said for the HKATFA that their meet last season ran without a hitch. The officials innumerable, however, may not be willing to turn out once a fortnight for a whole season.

One answer to that would be a longer roster of available officials who know their job and a call could be made for volunteers, though, of course, there is no guarantee of any really encouraging response.

The programme as set out is already more ambitious than anything attempted in Hongkong in the last two decades and a particularly interesting item is the quadrangular meet between South China Athletic Association, the Services, Millicentians and Hongkong School Sports Association at Caroline Hill on January 20 in aid of the Olympic Fund.

It is interesting to note that the Association does not consider schoolboys too immature to be pitted against the best talent available.

That has always been a controversial subject, but the general outlook on the subject in athletic circles throughout the world today is that schoolboys should compete with the best, but not too often. It does no harm to any schoolboy to run or jump. It is up to the schoolboys' coaches, however, to instil in them the fact that in a race where they feel they are beaten they should ease up and not strain themselves.

In fact, the same advice is generally given more mature athletes by the best coaches and it is a fallacy in athletics to talk about anyone's "pluck," as this cannot possibly be more important than gradual development within the limits of the physical strain an athlete can take.

It is only through steady training that men can run faster

and jump longer and no amount of inspiration will make a champion overnight or even over one season.

Several of our Champions today are schoolboys and schoolgirls, but should someone much better than they are at present emerge in the new season, they would be ill-advised to try to hang on to their laurels beyond the limits of the speed or stamina they are at present capable of showing.

A not very encouraging feature of the programme drawn up is that the University, apparently, have not yet taken sufficient interest in the coming into being of the Association to wish to come into an inter-team meet themselves.

One University athlete competed last year in the Colony Championships and one other made two appearances in invitational open meets. There is an annual University Sports meet. That is hardly enough to put University athletics properly on the local map.

University participation in open athletics has always in the past been limited for the fact that these meets have, more often than not, coincided with weeks immediately preceding examinations. In the programme arranged, due regard should be given this.

### NO MORE PROVERBS

The long list of famous cricket scorers in the Colony is one short with the departure of Margarita Divcheva for Australia by the Changsha on Saturday.

Margarita was, of course, only Craigengower's deputy scorer to Mrs. Irene Souza, but she took the job very seriously when she had it and her heart bled at one "duck" and rejoiced at two.

Margarita always felt sorry that anyone should come out with a "blob." She would wait anxiously for another and then



Margarita

rest happy when there would come another "quack" and the knowledge that now no one was alone in his misery. She was very fond of proverbs and her favourite one was that "It takes more than one duck to make a feast."

One of last season's unforgettable moments was the strained look on her face when the last Army batsman went in. She was afraid that he would be the only one not to hit a four. When he did, she breathed a long sigh of relief.

Her pater, M. J. Divcheva of Interport fame, sees no future for women's cricket in Hongkong beyond the scorebooks and has sent her "Down Under."

### "RECORDER"

#### NOTICE

#### THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

Draft Programmes and Entry Forms for the 18th Race Meeting 1951 and the 1st Race Meeting 1952 to be held on Saturday 29th December, 1951, and Tuesday 1st January, 1952, (weather permitting) may be obtained at the Secretary's Office, Telephone House, the Club House, Happy Valley, and the Stables, Shau Kwong Road.

Entries close at 12 o'clock NOON on Thursday, 20th December, 1951.

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## BOMBAY GETS READY

# 30 Nations Will Be In World Table Tennis Championships

Bombay, Dec. 18.

More than 250 players from 30 nations plan to take part in the World Table Tennis Championships starting here February 1, 1952.

The Indian Table Tennis Federation announced that 22 countries have confirmed their entries. Among them are Austria, Belgium, Czechoslovakia, England, East Germany, France, Hungary, Sweden, Denmark, Saarland, West Germany, Rumania, Scotland, the United States and New Zealand.

Other countries expected to participate are Italy, Switzerland, Yugoslavia, the Netherlands, Afghanistan, China, Israel, Lebanon, Brazil and Australia.

ASIA'S FIRST  
Nineteenth in the series, the ten-day Championships will be

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The following will represent Portugal in their international football match against Scotland at Boundary Street on Christmas Day at 3.30 p.m.: M. Noronha (PCA), R. Pires (PCA), R. Rocha (St. Joe), T. Toledo (St. Joe), A. Santos (PCA), A. Santos (St. Joe), H. Santos (PCA), S. Colina (PCA), G. Pereira (St. Joe), J. Cardoso (St. Joe) and N. Kaver (PCA). Reserves: R. Bolk (PCA), R. Pereira (Jaguars), P. Fernandes (Wayzons), C. Castillo (Wayzons) and O. Fernandes (St. Joe).

ASIA'S first international championship event, Ten special tables will be set up in a new structure seating 6,000 spectators at Brabourne Stadium. Champions defending their titles are Johnny Leach of England, men's singles; Miss A. Rozengut of Romania, women's singles; Bohumil Yano and Ivan Androsch of Czechoslovakia, men's doubles and England's Rowe twins, Romford and Diana, women's doubles.

India's government will issue a new set of stamps to commemorate the event. Admission free from Burma, Nepal, and East Africa will be maintained by the Congress of the International Table Tennis Federation which will meet at the time of the Championships—Associated Press.

## RUGBY LEAGUE CONFERENCE

The Australian Rugby League have decided not to send a special representative to attend the international conference in Britain. They have informed the Rugby League Council that they do not think the situation warrants this New Zealand and France have agreed to attend. The conference will discuss the new rules which will be in force in 1952.











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## Disappointments In Business Picture In United States

New York, Dec. 17.

A quick glance at business and industry shows busy factories and crowded stores.

Reports of good business popped up over the country. But there were discordant notes here and there. A steel strike appeared possible. Further consumer goods cuts seemed certain.

The defence industries were one aspect of the effect on their usual high production schedules. Country-wide, the dollar volume of retail trade was a little above a year ago, but when buying was at a record level.

It didn't take much poking around under the surface, however, to turn up disappointments and soft spots.

Dun and Bradstreet, the business reporting service, said retail dollar volume was modestly higher than the previous week or a year ago.

Interest in apparel was smaller than usual at this time of year, Dun and Bradstreet said, with the most popular items such as scarves, hosiery, foot wear and haberdashery — items suitable for Christmas gifts.

### SOFT SPOTS

The soft spots showed up in sectional breakdowns of the overall picture. Some storekeepers were talking of a good season, better than last year. But from other sections came such comments as "December off to a slow start and still hasn't caught up," or, "Running behind in dollar value."

The biggest threat in the industrial world was the possibility of a steel strike. The Government stepped in to the negotiations between the Congress of Industrial Organizations and United Steelworkers and U.S. Steel Corp.

Clyde Mills, Assistant Director of the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service, said there was a serious threat to continued production in the steel industry.

"We are very much concerned about the possibilities," he added, "both as to the economic aspects and as to the effect on the defence programme."

Meanwhile, steel mills were producing at 103.1 per cent of capacity, compared with 103.6 per cent the previous week and 101.3 a year ago.

There were other worrisome matters in the industrial world besides steel.

The Defence Department said inflation had hit the armament programme hard and there was a good chance that the situation might get worse.

Government officials warned that fewer automobiles and refrigerators would be built next year and the unemployment might rise in some sections.

Defence Production Administrator Manly Fleischmann added that substantial additional cutbacks will be necessary in the second quarter.

This will hit makers of such products as washing machines and other appliances as well as manufacturers of automobiles and refrigerators, Mr. Fleischmann said.

It will hit all large users of lightly-controlled steel, copper and aluminum.

Mr. Charles Willson and Mr. Fleischmann drew a gloomy picture of metal scrap supplies. The latter said if bad weather caused another slowdown in the flow of steel scrap, defence production will be severely hurt immediately.

Mr. Fleischmann said the cutbacks also would make unemployment worse in some localities but he did not expect much unemployment on a national scale. —Associated Press.

# TRADING IN THE POUND

## Dealings On First Day Of Open Market

### HONGKONG SHARE MARKET

(From Our Correspondent)

There was a sudden burst of trading on the Stock Exchange on Monday. Business during the morning being valued at \$112,950. Noon rates and the closing prices of the leading shares are as follows:

Share	Price
HK. 1000	100.00
HK. 2000	200.00
HK. 3000	300.00
HK. 4000	400.00
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Share	Price
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HK. 14000	1400.00
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Share	Price
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HK. 29000	2900.00
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Share	Price
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HK. 39000	3900.00
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TUESDAY, DECEMBER 18, 1951.



## Flies To Colony For Christmas



### 7 Years For Possession Of Arms

Seven years' hard labour was imposed by Mr Justice Gould at the Criminal Sessions this morning on Tung Yan-kei for possession of a Smith and Wesson revolver, fully loaded with six rounds, in a room at the Tai Ah Boarding House, Sargent Street. He was arrested by a Police party led by Det-Sgt Insp J. Asly, on November 14 last.

Accused admitted a previous conviction for larceny in April this year.

A medical report stated he was unfit for corporal punishment, and his Lordship

Lok Chiu-sing was given seven years and ordered twelve strokes of the cane for possession of a .45 Colt automatic loaded with four rounds of ammunition.

Mr M. McNeely-John, Crown Counsel, failed to file on the night of October 31, Det-Sgt Insp R. G. Lunn and a party of Police arrested the accused in Fenwick Street, on information. The man put up a struggle but was overpowered.

### Switzerland Will Accept Request

Berne, Dec. 17. It was decided in principle here today to give a favourable reply to an eventual request to send Swiss observers to control the observance of the armistice in Korea according to well-informed Swiss circles here. The possibility of such a request was recently mentioned by the American State Department to the Swiss Minister in Washington.—France-Press.

Miss Faith Howe, daughter of Sir Gerard Howe, Chief Justice of Hongkong, and Lady Howe, arrived yesterday by BOAC from England to spend Christmas in the Colony with her parents. This picture by a staff photographer shows Miss Howe with Sir Gerard and Lady Howe at Kai Tak.

### TOY PISTOL HAWKERS

A warning that importers and hawkers of toy pistols will be dealt with severely in future was made by Mr. Poon Yan-hoi at Central this morning, when Tsui Chui, 42, and Chan Tsui, 21, were charged with hawking without a licence and obstructing.

The defendants were arrested at Queen's Road Central yesterday.

The first defendant was cautioned and discharged when Prosecution said he had been helpful in giving information which led to further raids. Chan was fined \$10 and the boys were ordered to be cautioned.

### STOLE ANCHOR FROM LAUNCH

For stealing an anchor from the launch Hoven, property of the Kowloon Gutown, Liu Sew, 29, sailor on board the launch, was sentenced to six weeks by Mr Winter at Kowloon this morning.

Insp. Jones said on the night of December 14, a sampan was intercepted at Yaumati typhoon shelter and a search revealed the anchor which defendant admitted to have stolen from the launch.

### Gambling Youth's False Report

An 18-year-old youth, who had lost \$40 and a pair of trousers at gambling and reported to the Police that he had been robbed, explained to Mr R.W.S. Winter at Kowloon this morning that he made the false report because he was afraid that his elder brother might be annoyed with him for losing the money.

Fined \$40, the youth, Li Pui, said he did not wish to let his brother know of the incident and would rather prefer a gaol sentence since he had no money to pay the fine.

He was sentenced to seven days' imprisonment instead. Insp. Jones said defendant reported to the Police yesterday afternoon that on the previous night two men dragged him to a staircase at Shanghai Street, took off his trousers in which were \$40 and tied him to the staircase until noon yesterday.

Further enquiries revealed defendant had lost the money in a mahjong school and he had pawned his trousers for \$3 which he also lost in gambling.

### Junk Master's Three Offences

Fines totalling \$430 were imposed on Lo Kiu, 35, master of trading junk T2119H, by Mr T.B. Winter at the Marine Court this morning for being underway without navigation lights, underway without a certificated coxswain and engineer and for carrying dangerous goods.

Intercepted early this morning by St Thong off Yungshuiwan, defendant, who carried no cargo at the time, was on route from Cheung Chau to Aberdeen. He was found to be carrying 40 gallons of petrol, being dangerous goods, for which he was fined \$200.

### In Possession Of Wolfram Ore

Two men, Wong Wai, and Wong Fat, were each fined \$40 by Mr R. W. S. Winter at Kowloon this morning for possession of wolfram ore which they said they had washed up from a stream.

Insp. Jones said the men were searched at Tsun Wan yesterday. First accused had in his possession eight catfish of wolfram ore and the second accused had two catfish.

### DRUNKEN SEAMAN

A Danish seaman, Ernest Christensen, 22, of ss Aida, was picked up at Hankow Road yesterday and was charged with being drunk and incapable.

His bail of \$50 was estreated by Mr R. W. S. Winter at Kowloon this morning when he failed to answer his charge.

### Student Overstays

A 23-year-old girl student, Gim Woo-joy, was cautioned and discharged by Mr Poon Yan-hoi at Central this morning for overstaying 10 days in the Colony without permission from Immigration Office. Defendant was arrested yesterday at about 3.30 p.m. in the Immigration Office.

## St. Joseph's College Prize Distribution Year Of Steady Progress

Brother Raphael, Director of St Joseph's College, at the Annual Prize Distribution Day in the College Hall this morning said that although the year under review revealed nothing brilliant or startling it was a year of slow, steady progress.

"Of the six of our boys who studied in Form VI in La Salle College two passed the London Matriculation and four passed the Hongkong Matriculation," the Director said.

In the July examination for promotion to the sixth form and were promoted to a new form.

The Director reported many improvements in the College and he thanked Government for the generous contributions which made possible the repairs that were carried out.

Rev. Fr. A. Grandelli, Pastor of St Joseph's Church, who distributed the prizes, congratulated all the boys of St Joseph's College. Congratulations were due not only to the 75 per cent who had been promoted, he said, but also to the 25 per cent who had not been promoted because they had not been diligent enough in their studies and they failed because of circumstances beyond their control.

A number of the boys' parents were among the guests present and the Director welcomed Mr. H. Bailey of the Education Department.

**DIRECTOR'S REPORT**  
Brother Raphael said it gives me much pleasure to welcome Father Grandelli here this morning. You do not often see Father Grandelli in the school although he is Pastor of our parish. In our way of thinking, I attribute to us as he probably feels that things are satisfactory here and that he can devote himself to his other duties which require his attention.

The year under review reveals a long brilliant start, it was a year of slow, steady progress. The curriculum, on which Civics and History continue to have an honoured place, showed no change. There were no major changes on the staff. I am pleased to report that we have practically the same staff as in 1946. Nothing plays such a part in a school as the frequent changing of teachers. It is a tribute to all the teachers for their devotion to duty, punctuality and cooperation during the course of the year. I know that our pupils like and appreciate their teachers. I must thank our staff for their devotion to their pupils, for pupils are proud and hard judges.

Improvements were made to the school. The walls around the college were re-built, and the interior of the year was re-surfaced. I notice that the year and interest which the pupils take in their studies and in their school life is growing in proportion to the improvements effected. Consequently, it is pleasant to re-decorate and beautify a school which has been so long in existence. It is important that a school in Hongkong should be bright, cheerful and orderly. It is a school which should give a feeling of contentment and well-being to pupils who live for the day, the week, the month, the year, the up-keep of which is often the business of a not too interested parent. I must thank our staff for the generous contributions which made possible the repairs that were carried out. I must thank our staff for their devotion to their pupils, for pupils are proud and hard judges.

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## SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith



"You're right, those really are gorgeous red leaves—they make me think of catsup on a hamburger!"

## BANK ROBBERY: COURT SEQUEL

### Counsel To Move For Indictment To Be Quashed

When the Sin Hua Bank robbery case came before Mr Justice Gould at the Criminal Sessions this morning, Mr Brook Bernacchi, appearing for the defence of To Lam-sin, aged 25, accused of the possession of four hand grenades, intimated that he proposed to move that the indictment be quashed. In the circumstances, on behalf of his client, he said he must refuse to plead to the charge.

Mr Bernacchi, who was instructed by Messrs Wilkinson and Grist, said that he firstly objected most strongly to his Lordship's jurisdiction to hear the case.

Counsel further submitted that section 116(1) sub-section 1(a) of the Emergency (Principal Regulations) 1949, under which the accused was charged, was ultra vires, null and void.

His Lordship said that he would arrange for a date for this matter to be taken. He agreed with Mr Bernacchi that it would be wiser to defer pleas by the accused to two other indictments, namely, possession of arms and ammunition and robbery with aggravation.

Mr Bernacchi said that the same point was raised by him before his Lordship in a recent case. In that case his Lordship did not have to give a decision but at the hearing the Solicitor-General (Mr J. Reynolds) mentioned to Counsel that the matter was of such importance to the Crown that if the case were to continue the Crown would consider referring it to the Full Court for decision. In that case, however, the Judge held for the appellant, said Counsel.

### GREAT IMPORTANCE

Obviously in the case like the present one, said Mr Bernacchi, which involved a man's life the point was of greater importance and he would respectfully ask his Lordship to refer his submissions to the Full Court, of which his Lordship would presumably be a member—to enable a decision to be reached as far as the Colony was concerned.

His Lordship: This matter will be considered certainly. Replying to his Lordship, Mr M. Morley-John, Crown Counsel, said that the matter had not yet been considered by the Crown. He would make enquiries as to the attitude of the Crown.

His Lordship then adjourned the case to later this afternoon for the purpose of obtaining the Crown's attitude.

In connection with the Sin Hua case, another man, Chan Sang, alias Ng Yiu-yee, alias Ng Hon-bun, pleaded guilty to robbing the bank of \$207,700 on September 10.

His Lordship remanded the accused for sentence at a later date.

### CHECK YOUR KNOWLEDGE

Answers  
1. A period of five years. 2. Polaris. 3. Richmond. 4. Magellan. 5. Scot. 6. Henryk Hansen.

## Living Language

Why we say Cabinet of State.

Why "Cabinet" to describe the King's privy councillors? Because originally the king used to confer with those he most trusted, apart from the others, in his cabinet, or private room. The word itself is French. "cabinet" meaning a little room coming from "cabane" a hut.

## Mail Notices

Latest times of posting at P.O. and at Kowloon Post Office: registered articles and parcel mails close one hour earlier than the ordinary mail times shown below:  
Christmas Letter Mail By Air: for Great Britain, Europe, Africa, Australia & New Zealand will be closed at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, December 18.  
For Canada, U.S.A., and Malaya at 5 p.m. on Tuesday, December 18.

### TUESDAY, DECEMBER 18

By Air  
Formosa, Japan, 11 a.m., C.A.T.  
Siam, Burma, India, Pakistan, Middle East, Africa, Great Britain, Europe, 11 a.m., B.O.A.C.  
Malaya, Indonesia, Australia, New Zealand, Ceylon, Faldistan, Middle East, Africa, Great Britain, Europe, 5 p.m., B.O.A.C.  
Philippines, N. Borneo, 5 p.m., C.P.A.  
Formosa, Okinawa, U.S.A., Canada, 5 p.m., H.K.A./N.W.A.L.  
Macao, 8 a.m.; 8 p.m., as Lee Hong/Tak  
By Surface  
Wednesday, December 19

By Air  
Philippines, Ceylon, Hawaii, U.S.A., Canada, 8 a.m., via P.A.L.  
Siam, Burma, India, Pakistan, Middle East, Africa, Great Britain, Europe, 9 a.m., C.P.A.  
Formosa, 10 a.m., C.A.T.  
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U.S.A., Canada, 2 p.m., P.A.A.  
Japan, Korea, 5 p.m., B.O.A.C.  
Formosa, 6 p.m., H.K. Airways.  
By Surface  
Macao, 8 a.m.; 8 p.m., as Lee Hong/Tak  
China, People's Republic, 8.30 a.m., train via Canton.  
Indo-China, 9 a.m., as Eldesth.  
Formosa, 9 a.m., as Wing Sang.  
Japan, Hawaii, U.S.A., Canada, Central and South America, 1 p.m., as Corbi.  
Malaya, Ceylon, Madagascar, India, Aden, Great Britain, Europe, 5 p.m., as Corbi.  
Philippines, 2 p.m., as Lisholt.

### THURSDAY, DECEMBER 20

By Air  
Siam, Burma, India, Pakistan, Middle East, Africa, Great Britain, Europe, 9 a.m., via B.O.A.C.  
Indo-China, 9 p.m., Air France.  
Siam, Malaya, Indonesia, 5 p.m., C.P.A.  
By Surface  
Macao, 8 a.m.; 8 p.m., as Lee Hong/Tak  
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## TO-NIGHT

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